

BEFORE THE HOUSE AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE
January 27, 2011, 62nd Legislative Assembly

Testimony of CR Montana Corporation
Opposing House Bill 303

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee, my name is KD Feeback and I am here today on behalf of CR Montana Corporation to urge your opposition to House Bill 303. CR Montana Corporation is a registered business entity in good standing with the Montana Secretary of State and is engaged in the business of exploring for acquiring mineral properties in Montana for the purpose of mining. I presently serve as a lobbyist for CR Montana Corporation.

HB 303 is offered at the request of Representative Kelly Flynn to revise the Landowner Notification Act of 1971, specifically Montana Code Annotated §§ 82-2-302 and 82-2-303. HB 303 proposes to repeal Montana Code Annotated § 82-2-302 and amend Montana Code Annotated § 82-2-303.

CR Montana opposes HB 303 for the following reasons:

- ▶ The proposed revisions to Montana Code Annotated § 82-2-303 do not substantively differ from the text of the existing statute rendering the proposed revision without significant usefulness;
- ▶ The proposed revisions do not add clarity to the text of the existing statute; rather, the proposed revisions tend to make the existing statute less clear, especially with respect to the matter of split estates where private property overlies federal minerals in which case the state law is ineffective in any event; and
- ▶ HB 303 will only serve to complicate the Landowner Notification Act unnecessarily.

In closing, CR Montana thanks the Chairman and the Committee for the opportunity to appear and comment on HB 303 and urges this Committee to give HB 303 a do not pass recommendation.